



Statistics All Favor The 40-Year-Old Bride

A woman over 40 who has never been married asked me worriedly if it wasn't a bit too late for her to consider marriage, especially because the man she loves is a few years younger than she.

"Don't you think I'm too set in my ways, by now," she asked, "to be able to get along with someone in the house? After all these years I feel I'm a creature of habit and may find it quite difficult to break them."

"Too, I'm considered fussy because I like neatness and orderliness. Obviously I'm also independent, or I wouldn't have stayed single so long. You're a

man of the world; what do you think?"

I told her to stop worrying and get her two dollars down on the line before he gives up and starts hunting elsewhere. Statistics are all on her side. Mature marriages last longer than those of the teens or 20-30 categories. With good reason.

A woman over 40 may think she has become set in her ways. Many are, unfortunately, especially if marriage has passed them by.

These are what I call the slim pickers, old maids so desperate that they marry a last chance, no matter what. Chances of such

a marriage being happy or lasting are slim indeed.

But a woman at 40 or so who suddenly discovers it isn't necessity but love that is sweeping away the cobwebs of her mind is headed for untold happiness. At such an age she has not only maturity of the body, but, most important, maturity of the mind.

Little things, which bother youngsters in marriage, rarely beset her. She takes a savor faire, lucky-in-love attitude about her marriage

Having not rushed into marriage stupidly, she takes things in her stride, never clutching him frantically to her side. He

becomes a new experience to savor throughout her moments with him and to think of happily when he isn't around.

As a fortyish bride she spends more time on beauty aids, cosmetics, hair care and costuming. She realizes the importance of keeping up appearances, both for appearances' sake and because she knows that competition lurks in all corners waiting to pounce the moment she relaxes.

This is unlike her younger sisters, who think marriage is a special license to go to pot.

Over-40 brides are less suspicious than those who married before their time. She knows she was pursued and consequently, in his mind she is something special.

Finally, and most important, she maintains a sense of humor, the rarest of all qualities in a wife. It's said that Life Begins at 40. A bride at 40 begins a double life, both of them happy ones.

Thanksgiving Rites Slated

A choir of 175 voices will sing anthems of thanksgiving at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2706 W. 182nd St., Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. under the direction of Fred Wilkins, director of music.

The mass choir will be made up of members of the Boys' Choir, the King's Chorallers, the Knights Choir and the King's Choir. They will be accompanied by a brass ensemble under the leadership of Lee Ruecker.

The Rev. Maynard V. Milthun, pastor of the church, will preach on the theme, "For Granted or For Gratitude."

Gas Companies to Sponsor Contest

Architecture and drafting students at Harbor College are entering a contest for the best kitchen design sponsored by two local gas companies. Entries are to be submitted by Jan. 3, 1964 and four awards, one a \$50 savings bond, will be presented to the winners.

Scout Trails

Scout Troop 777

Boy Scout Troop 777, made up entirely of boys who are mentally handicapped, has openings for boys from all over the Centinela - South Bay area. Sponsored by the Southwest Association for Retarded Children and led by Scoutmaster Charles Spiegel, who was recently awarded the Order of the Arrow, the boys have achieved Honor Unit status for the third consecutive year in competition with boys who are not handicapped.

Many of the boys from Troop 777 will be going on to Explorers, according to Mr. Spiegel, and parents are invited to bring boys between the ages of 11 and 16 to visit the troop even if they are severely handicapped. No boy is denied membership, each being encouraged to progress to the fullest of his ability.

The troop meets at Columbia School, 4502 W. 188th St., every Monday night at 7:30, boys from as far away as Inglewood attending regularly. Par-

Girl Scout Troop 2076

Members of Girl Scout Troop 2076, sponsored by the Torrance Pilots Club, attended the fourth annual Hobby Show in Los Angeles recently, where members of the troop inspected old-fashioned dolls, some with china heads, apple heads, and dolls with kid bodies. The group also watched demonstrations of doll-making techniques.

In other areas of the large show, the Girl Scouts saw fish, shells, trains, planes, and even the unique mechanical wonder that does absolutely nothing.

Most enjoyable exhibit seen by the girls was a demonstration of pottery making, it was decided by troop members after the visit.

Assemblyman To Speak at Tea in YWCA

Jesse M. Unruh, speaker of the State Assembly, will talk Thursday, Dec. 5, at a tea in the YWCA.

Persons attending will have an opportunity of personally discussing local and state problems with Unruh, according to Mrs. David K. Lyman, tea chairman.

The tea is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. at YWCA, 2320 W. Carson St. The event had been scheduled for last Friday but extension of Unruh's Far Eastern lecture tour forced setting a new date for his local appearance.

Although the meeting is open to the public there is no limit to the number of people who can be accommodated and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, Mrs. Lyman said.

Mrs. Lyman is being assisted in the planning and organization of the event by a committee composed of Mrs. Dan E. Butcher, Mrs. Rene Dean, Mrs. R. Rudy, Mrs. Leo Salisbury, Mrs. Roger West and Mrs. Robert B. White. Assisting the tea committee are Mrs. G. Holcomb, Mrs. T. K. Millstead, Mrs. S. Edwards and Mrs. G. Ebersole.

Restrictions Urged Now by Savings Firms

The Conference of Federal Savings and Loan Assn.'s have urged Frederick Balerson, state savings and loan commissioner, to confer with one Federal Home Loan Bank board in an attempt to agree upon a uniform set of regulations which would apply to both federal and state chartered savings and loan associations in California on the matter of new branch facilities and new charters.

The Conference of Federal Savings and Loan Assn.'s is composed of the majority of federal savings and loan associations in Southern California and represents more than a million account holders in this part of the state.

Carson Zoning Variance Okayed

A request for a zoning variance to construct an office and wholesale building at Carson Street and Neptune Avenue has been approved by the Regional Planning Commission.

The variance was granted to Henry K. Beck of Gardena after commissioners had denied a petition for a change of zone from A-1 and B-1 to C-3. The variance will permit construction of the building in the present zone.

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